

LISTING OF AMENDMED CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions and listings of claims.

1. – 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A method of notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a number of product labels on an item comprising the steps of:

a) attempting to read a barcode label and a radio frequency identification label by a checkout device;

b) ~~if no item identification information is received from both the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label by the checkout device in response to the attempting step~~ if the checkout device in the attempting step fails to read item identification information from at least one of the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label, activating a bad read indicator to produce a single bad read indication by the checkout device; and

c) if item identification information is received from ~~[[both]]~~ at least one of the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label by the checkout device in response to the attempting step, activating a good read indicator to produce a single good read indication by the checkout device.

10. Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein step b) comprises the step of:

b-1) activating a bad read light indicator to produce a single bad read indication by the checkout device.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein step b) comprises the step of:

b-1) activating a bad read tone indicator to produce a single bad read indication by the checkout device.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein step c) comprises the step of:

c-1) activating a good read light indicator to produce a single good read indication by the checkout device.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein step c) comprises the step of:

c-1) activating a good read tone indicator to produce a single good read indication by the checkout device.

14. (Currently amended) A method of notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a number of product labels on an item comprising the steps of:

- a) receiving an indication that the item has passed over by a checkout device;
- b) attempting to read a barcode label and a radio frequency identification label by the checkout device;
- c) if [[no]] item identification information is not received from at least one of [[both]] the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label by the checkout device in response to the attempting step, activating a bad read indicator to produce a single bad read indication by the checkout device; and
- d) if item identification information is received from at least one of [[both]] the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label by the checkout device in response to the attempting step, activating a good read indicator to produce a single good read indication by the checkout device.

15. (Currently amended) A system for notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a number of product labels on an item comprising:

- a barcode reader;
- a radio frequency identification label reader;
- a good read indicator;
- a bad read indicator; and

control circuitry for notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a barcode label and a radio frequency identification label on an item with the barcode reader and the radio frequency identification label reader,

wherein the control circuitry activates a bad read indicator to produce a single bad read indication if the control circuitry fails to receive item identification information from at least one of ~~[[both]]~~ the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label, and

wherein the control circuitry activates a good read indicator to produce a single good read indication if the control circuitry receives item identification information from at least one of ~~[[both]]~~ the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label.

16. (Currently amended) A checkout device comprising:

- a barcode reader;
- a radio frequency identification label reader;
- a good read indicator;
- a bad read indicator; and

control circuitry for causing the barcode reader to generate a scan pattern for reading a barcode label and the radio frequency identification label reader to generate a sensing field for interrogating a radio frequency identification label, and for notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a number of product labels on an item,

wherein the control circuitry activates a bad read indicator to produce a single bad read indication if the control circuitry fails to receive item identification information from at least one of ~~[[both]]~~ the scan pattern and the sensing field, and

wherein the control circuitry activates a good read indicator to produce a single good read indication if the control circuitry receives item identification information from at least one of ~~[[both]]~~ the scan pattern and the sensing field.